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**Commissioner for Patents** 

Notice of Non-responsive Amendment

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## R sponse to Amendment

The reply filed on 11/3/2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

The amendment filed 11/25/2003 has not been entered due to the following errors which need to be corrected in a newly submitted amendment.

The recitation of errors corrected in the various declarations are not specific enough. Specific changes made to claims, which must be identified by claim, must be recited. Also, how the new claims differ from the patented claims need to be pointed out. See 37 CFR 1.175(a)(1).

In the amendment filed 11/25/2003, claim 6 is re-recited without being amended and therefore is not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.173. A new amendment must be submitted which omits claim 6, since there are no changes being made.

In the amendment filed 11/25/2003, claim 18 eliminates the text of step "c)" and adds a step "d)". However, if "c)" is being eliminated, then step "d)" would be following step "b)" or there would be a blank step "c)" without any text.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE** (1) **MONTH or THIRTY** (30) **DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

## Allowable Subject Matter

Subject to the above errors being corrected, the status of the claims would be as follows:

Claims 1-32 would be allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons claims 1-32 are considered to be patentable:

As per claims 1-22, 25 and 26, as noted in Paper Nos. 20 (see page 3) and 16 (see page 5), the reissue claims include the precise key limitations argued in the original application to define the claims over the prior art, therefore there is no recapture.

Specifically, the reissue claims include the limitation that the system determines the likelihood of a collision.

Newly added claims 27-32 serve to further define the invention of claims 1 and 16 over the prior art.

As per claims 23 and 24, the reissue claims contain substitute limitations that are related to, but narrower than the key limitations argued in the original application to define the claims over the prior art, therefore there is no recapture. Specifically, the limitation that the system determines the likelihood of a collision is the key limitation, but it is narrower in the respect that it is being applied to a system to enforce local traffic laws as explained in the applicant's arguments on pages 8-12 of Paper No. 22

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eric M Gibson whose telephone number is (703) 306-4545. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Cuchlinski can be reached on (703) 308-3873. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 305-7687.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1113.

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